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Request No.: 1091412- 000
Subject: GARRIGA, MIGUEL

Dear Mr. Richman:

This is in further response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for information in FBI files pertaining to the late Miguel Garriga.

A search of the index to our Central Records System at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) located one document (cross reference) in a file on another subject identifiable to Miguel Garriga. This document (FBI file 62-HQ-60527 serial 30530) has now been processed pursuant to the provisions of the FOIA and is being released to you in its entirety. A copy of this document, consisting of 5 pages, is enclosed with this letter.

This search also located documents maintained on microfilm that may or may not be responsive to Miguel Garriga. We have attempted to review this material, but have been unable to obtain it at this time. Please note that - due to the age of these documents prior to their being placed on microfilm - even if reproduced, they would most likely be illegible.

This concludes the processing of FOIPA request number 1091412-000.

Sincerely yours,

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NAME CHECKS

MIGUEL GARRIGA - SUMMARY
Born 3-12-99
Barcelona, Spain

No investigation has been conducted by the FBI concerning the individual on whom you make inquiry. However, the files of this Bureau reveal information concerning Miguel Garriga, and this information will be set forth below.

GREATER NEW YORK CONFERENCE FOR INALIENABLE RIGHTS

A pamphlet put out by the New York Council for Inalienable Rights entitled "Program of the Greater New York Emergency Conference on Inalienable Rights" dated February 12, 1940, indicated that one of the speakers on the panel dealing with "Foreign Born" would be Miguel Garriga, International Vice-President of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union. (100-10117-3; 61-7582-176, p. 33; 121-23278-267X12, p. 1501) W

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities in a report of March 29, 1944, cited the Greater New York Emergency Conference on Inalienable Rights as a Communist front which was succeeded by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO LIFT THE EMBARGO

Page 119 of the House of Representatives report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, 79th Congress, reflected that Miguel Garriga was a member of the Coordinating Committee to Lift the Embargo. (100-35167-1; 100-3-1324)

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities in a report of March 29, 1944, cited the Coordinating Committee to Lift the (Spanish) Embargo as "one of a number of front organizations set up during the Spanish Civil War by the Communist Party in the United States, and through which the Party carried on a great deal of agitation."

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FRIENDS OF THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE

The "Daily Worker" of July 8, 1938, carried an article to the effect that Local 89, Cooks and Assistant Cooks Union, AFL, would sponsor a memorial meeting on July 8, 1938, at their union headquarters, 711 8th Avenue, New York City. This memorial meeting, according to the article, was to be held under the auspices of the union with the assistance of the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and was to honor five union members who had died fighting for Loyalist Spain. One of the speakers invited to address the meeting was Miguel Garriga, Secretary of Local 89 of the above-mentioned union. (61-7561-221X16)

Page 244 of the 1948 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities identified Miguel Garriga as one of a number of individuals who were affiliated with the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. (100-15252-39, p. 244)

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, in a report of March 29, 1944, on pages 82 and 125 with respect to the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, stated as follows, "In 1937-1938, the Communist Party threw itself wholeheartedly into the campaign for the support of the Spanish Loyalist cause, recruiting men and organizing multifarious so-called relief organizations." Among these was the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY

The "Daily Worker" of December 14, 1938, announced that Miguel Garriga, Vice-President of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance, would be one of the speakers at a dinner on the evening of December 14, 1938, to be held at the Roger Smith Restaurant, 40 East 41st Street, New York City. According to the article, this announcement was made by the sponsoring committee of the forth-coming American Congress for Peace and Democracy. According to a source, who in the past has furnished both reliable and unreliable information, Garriga did speak at this affair. According to the source,

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Garriga pointed out that for three years prior to this meeting, he did not desire to have any association with organizations such as the American League for Peace and Democracy. He claimed that the Fascist uprising in Spain had changed his mind since his family was still there, and that at that time he was actively fighting Fascism. (61-7559-3376X7; 61-7566-1267, p. 6)

Reliable informants have reported that in 1938, Miguel Garriga was a member of the National Committee of the American League for Peace and Democracy. (61-7589-30; 65-15036-10)

Page 6278 of the House Committee's report on Un-American Activities of the 76th Congress listed the name of Miguel Garriga as one of the members of the National Committee of the American League for Peace and Democracy as of April 4, 1939.

The report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities for the year 1948, identified Miguel Garriga on page 151 as one of a number of persons who had been affiliated with the American League for Peace and Democracy.

It was reliably reported that Miguel Garriga, Vice-President of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Alliance, was one of the endorsers of the Fifth National Congress of the American League for Peace and Democracy which was to be held on January 6, 7, 8, 1939, in Washington, D. C. (61-7582 vol. 10, p. 6578; 100-15252-39, p. 151; 100-64700-1004, p. 348)

The American League for Peace and Democracy has been cited by the Attorney General as a Communist organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

SPANISH REFUGEE RELIEF CAMPAIGN

A press release of the Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign dated April 26, 1939, announced the formation of a Trade Union Committee for Spanish Refugees. One of the members of this Trade Union Committee was listed as Miguel Garriga, Vice-President of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance and Bartenders International League. (61-7559-3700X4)

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The Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign was cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in the report of January 3, 1940, as a Communist front organization.

UNITED MAY DAY PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE

A March 18, 1938, issue of a publication put out by the United May Day Provisional Committee, listed the name of Miguel Garriga, President, Cooks, Pastry Cooks and Assistants Union, Local 89, as one of the persons who sent out an announcement of a meeting of the United May Day Provisional Committee. This announcement stated that the meeting was to be held on April 9, 1938, at Manhattan Opera House, 311 West 34th Street, New York City. (61-7566-903)

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report of March 29, 1944, cited the United May Day Provisional Committee as follows: "The May Day parade in New York City is an annual mobilization of Communist strength." Ferdinand Smith, high in the circle of the Communist Party, was a member of the United May Day provisional Committee in 1939, Vice-Chairman of the same committee in 1940, and co-chairman in 1941."

MISCELLANEOUS

Information was received from a reliable source in March, 1946, that the Executive Board of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance and Bartenders International League of America, AFL, had voted a considerable sum of money to conduct an investigation into the finances and Communist infiltration into the local unions in the New York City area. It was reliably reported that Miguel Garriga was appointed to be Chairman of the investigating committee.

Because of what was described as Garriga's known anti-Communist sympathies, it was reliably reported that there was a strong movement on the part of certain people in the union to make him the new President at their 1946 convention. (100-92004-364)

A newspaper article in the "New York Times" of October 16, 1947, stated that Miguel Garriga, International

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Vice-President of the Hotel and Club Employees Union, AFL, had urged that Local 6 of this union, which was stated to be dominated by Communists, should rid itself of its present leadership. Garriga is reported saying that if the members of Local 6 of the above-mentioned union did not "clean house" it would become the task of the International Union to do the job for them. (100-96104-87)

An article in the November 3, 1947, issue of the "Daily Worker" dealing with the possible deportation of Michael J. Obermeier, it was stated that a hundred officers of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance, AFL, with which Obermeier was affiliated, continued to press for ousting of Obermeier and "all Communists" from the local. The group, according to the article, was lead by the International Vice-President of the Union, Miguel Garriga. (100-96104 sub A "Daily Worker" 11-3-47)

A reliable informant in March, 1949, described Garriga as an individual who is extremely anti-Communist. (100-92004-455)

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